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SUBJECT: VISA FOR VOA CORRESPONDENT: HOPKINS, MARK

REF: MOSCOW 16955

1. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, EMBOFFS
CONTACTED MFA CONSULAR SECTION TO REQUEST ISSUANCE OF
VISA FOR VOA CORRESPONDENT MARK HOPKINS. AT COB NOVEMBER
5, MFA CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF TOLD EMBASSY CONSULAR COUN-
SELOR THAT HE "DOUBTED" ANY ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL
AFTER NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS.

2. ON NOVEMBER 9, EMBOFF AGAIN CONTACTED MFA SECTION CHIEF
AND WAS TOLD THAT "CONSULAR SECTION DOES NOT HANDLE JOURNA-
LISTS." EMBASSY CONSULAR COUNSELOR REITERATED EMBASSY
SUPPORT NOTE FOR OFFICIAL VISA IN OFFICIAL PASSPORT FOR
USG EMPLOYEE ASSIGNED TDY TO EMBASSY.

3. PRESS ATTACHE CONTACTED MFA PRESS SECTION SAME DAY AND RE-
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QUESTED THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH CONSULAR SECTION, NOTING OFFICIAL

STATUS OF HOPKINS' APPLICATION. PRESS SECTION AGREED THAT HOPKINS SHOULD BE HANDLED BY CONSULAR SECTION, "AS ALWAYS".

4. AT COB NOVEMBER 9, NO ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN BY MFA, EFFECTIVELY PREVENTING HOPKINGS FROM ARRIVING IN MOSCOW FOR OPENING CEREMONIES OF BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT.

5. USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH WILL RAISE SUBJECT DURING CANN ON MFA DEPUTY MINISTER ZEMSKOV NOVEMBER 11.

6. ACTION: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPT." A) DENY REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF VISA BY SOVIET JOURNALIST OR GRANT VISA VALID FOR ONLY 2-3 DAYS IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXTENDED STAY--THIS IN RETALIATION FOR EARLIER REFUSAL TO EXTEND HOPKINS VISA (REFTEL); AND ALSO B) FAIL TO RESPOND TO APPLICATION FOR NEXT APPROPRIATE SOVIET OFFICIAL, NOT JOURNALIST, CITING HOPKINS STATUS AS USG EMPLOYEE.
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